

# Governor's Budget FY 1978-79

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# **GOVERNOR'S BUDGET**

## **FOR 1978-79**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Chapter 1252 of the Statutes of 1977 (SB 363) reorganizes the Health and Welfare Agency effective July 1, 1978. The reorganization abolishes the Department of Health and the Department of Benefit Payments and consolidates the functions of the State Office of Alcoholism and the Division of Substance Abuse of the Department of Health. The employees, funds and property of these departments are distributed to the Employment Development Department and to the newly established Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, Social Services, Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

The intent of reorganization is to separate the major program areas of the Department of Health into distinct departments in order to increase program visibility, improve program policy direction and increase administrative, legislative and public accountability.

The Department of Developmental Services administers the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. The intent of this Act is to assure coordination of services to persons with developmental disabilities; to assure that such services are planned and provided as part of a continuum which is sufficiently complete to meet the needs of those who are developmentally disabled at each stage of their lives and regardless of their ages or the degree of their handicaps; and, to the extent possible, without dislocating them from their home communities. The goals of such services are to enable persons with developmental disabilities to approximate the pattern of every day living available to nondisabled persons of the same ages to reduce the degree of their dependency and to help them reach their maximum personal potential and social integration.

The objective of the Department is to assure that the mandates of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act are implemented uniformly and progressively in such a manner that all citizens in need of services to prevent or ameliorate a developmental disability will receive them regardless of their economic status or where they live in the State.

During Fiscal Year 1978-79, the Department will strengthen its program activities so that appropriate services may be provided to California residents with developmental special needs who require care, treatment, development, or maintenance. It is estimated that there are approximately 297,500 persons in California with developmental disabilities. Included in this population are approximately 209,000 mentally retarded, 25,700 persons who have cerebral palsy, 62,500 persons who are epileptic, and 2,000 persons who are autistic.

Services administered by or under the direction of the Department include prevention of developmental disabilities through community education and consultation; early intervention and crisis response; 24-hour community or state hospital placement in care, treatment and development facilities; day care; restorative and rehabilitative services; and continuing case management and support.

Emphasis is placed on program outreach of services to those persons who, because of geographical isolation, ethnic background, financial restrictions, or other similar causes, have not had ready recourse to traditional developmental services.

The Department sets broad policy for the delivery of developmental services statewide; establishes priorities, standards, and procedures within which the Developmental Services Program operates; monitors, reviews, and evaluates the actual operation of the services; and oversees the correction of faulty procedures and practices brought to light by the evaluation and review process. Services are delivered directly through state hospitals and continuing care support services, and indirectly through a statewide network of 21 private, nonprofit, locally based community agencies. The Department is assisted in the administration of the program by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and 13 Area Boards on Developmental Disabilities.

### Authority

Welfare and Institutions Code, Divisions 4, 6, and 7; Health and Safety Code, Division 25.

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79
I. Regional Centers .....	-	-	\$126,463,061
II. State Hospitals .....	-	-	341,737,578
III. Continuing Care Services.....	-	-	10,741,365
IV. Resource Planning and Development.....	-	-	3,560,837
V. Evaluation .....	-	-	544,330
VI. Administration .....	-	-	(8,237,936)
VII. Provider Rate Increases .....	-	-	5,863,438
VIII. Legislative Mandates.....	-	-	203,021
Intradepartmental Transfers .....	-	-	9,033,513
<b>TOTALS, PROGRAMS .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$498,147,143</b>
<i>Reimbursements .....</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-123,756,621</i>
<b>NET TOTALS, PROGRAMS .....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$374,390,522</b>
<i>General Fund .....</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>370,513,406</i>
<i>Developmental Disabilities Program Development Fund .....</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>600,000</i>
<i>Federal funds<sup>1</sup> .....</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3,277,116</i>
Personnel years.....	-	-	15,511.4

### SIGNIFICANT REORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Program	Description	Personnel years	Dollars
I.	Transfer from the Department of Health .....	(15,312)	(\$224,256,276)
	Directors Office .....	26.7	609,141
	Administration Division .....	230.1	3,755,132
	Treatment Service Division .....	418.4	7,042,097
	State Hospitals .....	14,636.8	212,849,906
II.	Transfer from the Department of Benefit Payment .....	12.6	207,932

### SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM CHANGES

Under provisions of Chapter 1252, Statutes of 1977 (SB 363), the eleven state hospitals will be placed under the Mental Health and Developmental Services Departments. Agnews, Camarillo, Fairview, Napa, Pacific, Patton, Porterville, Sonoma, and Stockton will be included in the Developmental Services Department. Mental disabilities programs currently operating at Camarillo, Napa, Patton, and Stockton State Hospitals, will receive hospital support activities on a contractual basis from the Developmental Services Department and will receive program management from the Mental Health Department.

During 1977-78, each of the State Hospitals was reviewed by the Licensing Division of the Department of Health. Although the extent varied, all were found to be out of compliance with federal Medicaid regulations and state licensing requirements. Based on plans of corrections, the Department of Health requested an additional 2,820.1 positions and \$23.6 million in the fiscal year 1977-78 to correct licensing deficiencies for both mental health and developmental service programs. The Department of Health also supported 234 positions and \$4.1 million for Metropolitan State Hospital.

In fiscal year 1978-79, the combined budgets of Mental Health and Developmental Services include \$41.6 million for continuation of the positions administratively authorized in 1977-78 in programs for the developmentally and mentally disabled. A continued down trend in developmentally disabled population is expected to reduce the population to 9,008 by year-end 1978-79, a reduction of 788 clients during the period September 30, 1977 to June 30, 1979. This would ordinarily result in a substantial decline in hospital staffing. However, consistent with provisions of Chapter 72, Statutes of 1977, the Governor's Budget continues implementation of the 1973 staffing standards, moving from 88 percent to the 94 percent level by June 30, 1979. This action retains 595 level of care positions and permits adjustments for minimum ward staffing to meet licensing and certification requirements. As a result of the above changes the 1978-79 budget was held to an overall reduction of 273.1 positions and \$2.3 million.

In furtherance of the action initiated in 1977-78, the Department of Developmental Services 1978-79 budget includes \$24.6 million for continuation

For the list of standard (lettered) footnotes, see the end of the Governor's Budget.